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rived at in the case of the prize for astronomy, but a sum of 3,000 lire has been awarded to Professor Filippo Angelitti in consideration of his valuable work in editing and discussing the unpublished writings of Professor Carlo Brioschi. The prize for philology has been divided between Professor Angelo Solerti and Professor Remigio Sabbadini, and finally a Ministerial prize of 1,500 lire for natural science has been awarded to Professor L. Paolucci for his monograph on the fossil plants of the Ancona district. The Academy has recently elected the following associates and foreign members: National Associates—in physics, Professors A. Righi, A. Roiti, and A. Pacinotti; in geology and paleontology, Signore G. Scarbelli; in zoology, Professor C. Emery. Correspondent in mechanics, Professor C. Somigliana. Foreign Members—in mechanics, Professors A. G. Greenhill and V. Voigt; in physics, Professor W. C. Röntgen; in geology and paleontology Professor A. Karpinsky and Sir Archibald Geikie; in zoology, Professor E. Ray Lankester.

AN ichthyosaurus 20 feet in length, the head two feet across, has, as we learn from *Nature*, recently been uncovered in the Warwickshire village of Stockton. The land is excavated by cement firms and has yielded many lower middle Lias fossils. The present specimen will, it is said, be presented to the Natural History Museum by the owner of the quarry.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

IT is reported in the daily papers that Miss Jennie Flood has given to the University of California her Menlo Park mansion, together with five hundred and forty acres of land, and four-fifths of the stock of a waterworks plant which she owns.

THE National Council of Education has authorized the appointment of a committee of fifteen to investigate the whole subject of the establishment of a national university and to report to the Council at its next meeting.

AT Princeton University Mr. A. H. Phillips and Dr. E. O. Lovett have been appointed to assistant professorships in mineralogy and mathematics, respectively.

MR. A. A. HELLER, instructor in botany in the University of Minnesota, has resigned his position to devote his time entirely to collecting. Professor Conway MacMillan may be addressed in reference to the Exchange Bureau.

THE State Department at Washington has received from Minister Conger at Pekin information that Dr. William A. P. Martin has been appointed President of the University of China, recently established by imperial decree. Dr. Martin was President of Pekin University for nearly thirty years. He is a citizen of the United States, but went to China as a missionary about forty years ago. Associated with Dr. Martin in the presidency is Hsu King Chang, now Minister to Russia. The selection of the corps of professors, some twenty, not including fifty native tutors, is left entirely to Dr. Martin.

MR. E. G. COKER has been appointed assistant professor of engineering in McGill University.

DR. RUDOLF COHN, docent in physiological chemistry in the University of Königsberg, has been made professor. Dr. Zograf has been appointed assistant professor of zoology and Dr. Mrensblat assistant professor of comparative anatomy in the University of Moscow. Professor Hölder, of Königsberg, has been called to the chair of mathematics at Leipzig. Dr. Koetz has qualified as docent in chemistry in Göttingen and Dr. Smoluchowskie von Smolen as docent in physics in Vienna. Dr. Adam Nell, professor of mathematics in the Darmstadt Technological Institute, has retired, having reached the age of seventy-four years.

PROFESSOR RIEDLER has presented to the engineering laboratory at Berlin machinery valued at \$30,000.

SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE.

Nature Study in Elementary Schools. By MRS.

L. L. WILSON, PH.D., Philadelphia Normal School for Girls. Pp. xix+262. Price, \$1.00. A *Reader* accompanying the same, pp. xv+181. New York, The Macmillan Company.

This 'Manual for Teachers,' the first of the books mentioned, is planned to meet the needs of the ordinary grade teachers in the first four years of the public schools of a city. In its scope it includes studies of the weather, of